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Hongkong, March 29, 1876.

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Covered Photograph Stands, Linen

Handkerchiefs, Cotton Stockings, Toys,

Sailor's Knives, &c., &c., &c.

Also,

2 Handsome 6-LIGHT CRYSTAL

GASALIERS.

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GASALIERS.

Deane's Revolvers in Cases.

Lemat & Girard's 10-Shot Revolvers.

3 bales Cotton Waste.

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Hams, Cheese, and Sardines.

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in Mexican Dollars, weighted at 7.17.

The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors

of description, at purchaser's risk on the

fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, July 18, 1877.

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Intimations.

W. BALL,
CHINA DISPENSARY.IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS,
DRUGGISTS' SUPPLIES, TOILET
REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES
AND PERFUMES.Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness,
and Prompt Attention.PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf,
Hongkong, July 13, 1877.AH YON,
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STEVEDORE,
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COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH
PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S
STORESOf the best quality and at the shortest notice,
Hongkong, May 1, 1877.

NOTICE.

MRS. G. B. FALCONER, Widow and
Administratrix of the late G. B.
FALCONER (sole and only Partner of the
Firm of GEORGE FALCONER & Co., Watch
Manufacturers, Jewellers, &c., &c., Hong-
kong), and Mr. MATTHEW FALCONER,
Brother of the Deceased, beg respectfully
to intimate that they have agreed to CON-
TINUE THE BUSINESS so long carried on
by the late Mr. FALCONER.In making this announcement, they have
pleasure in stating that they have made
such arrangements that the efficiency and
high reputation formerly enjoyed by the
Firm, will be maintained in its entirety in
all its branches.The Stock, as hitherto, will consist of
EVERY ARTICLE of the BEST QUALITY and
WORKMANSHIP, and they hope to be favour-
ed with a continuance of that patronage
which was so liberally extended to the late
Mr. FALCONER, and, in soliciting such, no
efforts will be wanting to inspire that confi-
dence on the part of their Customers
which was so marked a feature in the
Business as formerly conducted.The Business will be carried on in the old
Premises under the same Name and Style
as hitherto, viz.,GEORGE FALCONER & Co.,
Hongkong, July 2, 1877.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

ADJUSTMENT OF BOOKS FOR THE YEAR
1876.SHAREHOLDERS in the above Office
are requested to furnish the Under-
signed with a List of their Contribution
for the Year ending 31st December, 1876,
in order that the distribution of the Net
Profits reserved for Contributors may be
arranged. Returns not rendered prior to
the 31st August next, will be adjusted by
the Office, and no Claims or Alterations will
be subsequently admitted.JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, May 1, 1877.

THE UNION MARINE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.THE Undersigned having been Appoint-
ed AGENTS of the above Company
at HONGKONG and FOOCHOW, are
prepared to accept Risks and Issue Policies
by any First-Class Steamers, at current
rates, Payable either here, in London, in
LIVERPOOL, or at the principal Ports of
INDIA and the EAST.BIRLEY & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, May 21, 1877.

PIANO TUNING, REPAIRING, &c.

LADIES and GENTLEMEN Desirous of
having their PIANOS REPAIRED
by the Undersigned, will please oblige with
early orders, as he is about to return to
SHANGHAI.Orders may be left with Messrs. LANE,
CRAWFORD & Co., or Messrs. GAUFF & Co.

A. HAHN.

Hongkong, July 10, 1877.

A THOROUGH CORRESPONDENT
AND ARITHMETICIAN Desires an
ENGAGEMENT.

"Activity," care of this Office.

Hongkong, May 28, 1877.

Now Ready.

"THE CHINA REVIEW,"
No. 6, VOL. V.Annual Subscription, Six Dollars and
a Half.

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China Mail Office,
Hongkong, July 7, 1877.

Notices to Consignees

FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. King Richard, having arrived
from the above Ports, Consignees of
Cargo by her are requested to send in their
Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for
countersignature, and to take immediate
delivery of their Goods.Cargo impeding her discharge will be at
once landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.Consignees of Opium are requested to
take delivery from the Boats alongside the
Ice House Street Wharf, otherwise the
Drug will be stored by the Undersigned at
Consignees' risk, unprotected by Fire In-
surance.Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness,
and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,

Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.

Hongkong, July 13, 1877.

DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 17, 1877.

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BRITISH SHIP SCINDIA, FROM
LONDON.CONSIGNNEES of Cargo by the above-
named Vessel are hereby requested to send
in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned
for countersignature, and to take immediate
delivery of their Goods.Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-
signees' risk and expense.RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 18, 1877.

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BRITISH SHIP END, FROM
LONDON.CONSIGNNEES of Cargo by the above-
named Vessel are hereby requested to send
in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned
for countersignature, and to take immediate
delivery of their Goods.Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-
signees' risk and expense.ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 7, 1877.

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

CONSIGNNEES of the following Cargo
are requested to send in their Bills of
Lading to the Undersigned for counter-
signature, and take immediate delivery.This Cargo has been landed and stored at
their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUY,
Agent.

Ex "Pei Ho."

J. G. No. 1, 1 case Books, { from Marseilles.
Remedies & Co., { Remedies & Co.,

N (in diamond) 11 baies { from Saigon.

Sundries, Son Ly., { from Saigon.

K Y 6 pkgs. Sundries, { do. do.

Hongkong, July 14, 1877.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR NINGPO & SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "CHINA,"

ACKERMANN, Master, will be de-
spatched for the above Ports TO-

MORROW, the 20th Instant, at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, July 19, 1877.

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FOR YOKOHAMA.

The British Steamer "KING RICHARD,"

Captain NELSON, will be de-
spatched to the above Port on

THURSDAY, the 28th Instant, at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, July 19, 1877.

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FOR HOIHOW.

The British Steamship "HOLYROOD,"

will have immediate despatch
for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, July 19, 1877.

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PACIFIC MAIL S. S. COMPANY.

THE DEPARTURE of the Company's

S. S. "CITY OF PEKING" has

been POSTPONED to the 30th instant,

at 3 p.m.

RUSSELL & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, July 19, 1877.

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Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor

Owners will be Responsible for any

Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew

of the following Vessels, during their stay

in Hongkong Harbour:—

MATHESON, American ship, Capt. John

O. Dawes.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

LEADING WIND, American ship, Captain

F. M. Hinckley.—Meyer & Co.

LOIMA, German 5-m. schooner, Captain

H. Schierholz.—E. Schellhans & Co.

JAZO, Russian ship, Capt. C. F. Moberg.

—Order.

ANNIS S. HALL, American 6-m. schooner,

Captain C. H. Nelson.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

EYD, British bark, Captain Braithwaite.

—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

ALPHINGTON, British barque, Captain G.

Cunningham.—Wieland & Co.

ANTWERP, British barque, Capt. Atkins.

—Melders & Co.

SHIPPIING.

ARRIVALS.

July 18, PERNAMBUCO, British steamer,

849 Wm. Hyde, Saigon July 18, Rice.—

SIEMSEN & Co.

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MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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Hongkong, July 19, 1877.

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General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, July 21.—

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of

Call and Europe.

Noon.—Sale of Steamer Minna.

TUESDAY, July 24.—

11 a.m.—Sale of Stock-in-trade, of Mc

Donald's Slip, West Point.

WEDNESDAY, July 25.—

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the

H. C. & M. Steamboat Co., Limited,

Point. The contract sum was \$1,400, and of this sum \$700 had been paid, leaving a balance of \$700, the rest of the claim being made up by the claim for extra work, making in all \$1,800. The defendant contended that the work was badly executed, and was of no use whatever to him, and that the plaintiff was liable to a penalty of \$10 for every day the work had been delayed. There was also a set-off of \$60.97 for stones supplied to the plaintiff.

Mr. Hayllar, Q.C., instructed by Mr. Bereson, appeared for the plaintiff, and

The Hon. the Attorney General; Mr. George Phillips, instructed by Messrs. Sharp, Toller and Johnson, appeared for the defendant.

The following Special Jury was empanelled:—Messrs. A. G. Romano, A. Newton, T. G. Williamson, F. D. Sasoon, W. H. Forbes, Charles Kahn, and E. R. Bellfield.

This case was referred to Dr. C. Bellfield, who had it remedied. The clause in the contract referring to stakes or pickets had been causally inserted. He did not remember its being in the original contract, until it was brought to his notice.

Mr. W. Wilson, architect, was then examined. He made an examination of the wall in May last. It was badly built and there were holes at the back caused by the water washing through the wall from the front. This was due to bad pointing and bad concrete. He was then examined as to the scientific theories of building sea-walls and ordinary retaining walls. In cross-examination, he said the wall was a faulty one, arising from a faulty design. It was not a very bad design, but the wall was badly constructed.

In re-examination he said that notwithstanding the questions he had been asked, he still adhered to his opinion that the defective state of the wall was due to bad construction, and if it had been properly constructed with good materials, it would have answered as a sea-wall until a typhoon notwithstanding the defective design. It would have stood as well as the adjoining wall, that for the proposed Kennedy Town.

In reply to the Court, the witness said all contractors for stone walls were Chinese, but the specifications were not translated into Chinese, but contracts were. They signed the specifications after explanations by witness' interpreter. This was witness' practice. Some of the contractors were very clever, but none of them were scientific. If Captain Sands had appointed witness to superintend the work, he would have made a plan of the wall, first consulting Captain Sands what kind of wall he would like to have. With the contract before witness, he would have made the wall 3 feet on the top and 10 feet at the bottom, and would have put all the slope outside. A civil engineer must be an architect more or less. Engineering requires more science but architecture more artistic skill. If witness had superintended the work, he would have set out first of all the wall, and then examined the stones to be used.

The Court was then adjourned till Saturday, at 10 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, July 18, 1877.

Sir.—Your Bangkok correspondent in his last communication gives his opinions to freely I think, upon the weather, crops, society and foreign residents, at that place. I have known the gentlemen of the British Consulate, now five years, and have always found them just, courteous, and kind-hearted, though at once inclined to cheek effrontery, as most English gentlemen are apt to do. I could comment on the inaccuracies of other parts of your correspondent's letter, but refrain from taking up your space. I will just add I think it was not at all complimentary to the Rev. Dr. Dean to say that the Englishman was put into the ground like a dog.—*Shanghai Courier*.

I am, Sir,
Yours truly,
EXCELSIOR.

Manila.

(From the *Manila Papers*.)

The well-known Italian steamship company, Rubattino & Co., have established a line, some time in project, between Genoa and Singapore. The steamer Batavia, Captain Luis Crocco, was to leave the first-named port on the 1st July. This steamer, as well as others which will follow her, will touch at Singapore and Batavia.

The Government have decided to light the streets of Manila with petroleum instead of other oils. This new lighting system will commence on the 1st of January next.

A farewell ball was given on Saturday evening, on the 7th July, previous to his departure for Europe, to the Consul for the Netherlands at Manila, Mr. Charles Germann, by his friends. A spacious and well-ventilated house had been secured for the purpose. The entrance and the staircase were decorated with foliage, flower pots, and trophy of Spanish, Swiss, German, Bavarian, United States, British and French flags. The buffet, which was splendid, was opened about 1 o'clock. The fair was very well represented, and the number of gentlemen present was unusually large, among whom were several officers of the *Charybdis* and several gentlemen of other nationalities.

Out of 8,000 quintales tobacco leaf offered for sale at auction on the 7th July, 500 quintales 1a. Isabela was sold to Messrs. Inahauati & Co., at \$8 per quintal, being \$8 over the upset price, or \$34,000 in all. 100 quintales 4a. Cagayan was sold to Mr. Charles Germann, at the upset price of \$11 per quintal, or \$1,100 in all. The total ingress was \$35,100.

A large number of highwaymen arrived at Manila forwarded from different provinces. They were all taken to the Billbido goal.

The Banco Espaol Filipino announced a dividend of 9 per cent. for the first six months of the present year.

Messrs. Jackson, French & Co. have been permitted to load building timber in the German barque *Cap Horn*, at the port of Maibau and Alabat (Tabayas) with destination to China. The same permission was obtained by them to load the American barque *Benjamin Aymar*, at the port of Concepcion, Iloilo, with destination to Shanghai.

Capt., June 9.—Clouds of locusts were seen in the different parts of the district, and measures were taken for their immediate destruction.

Iloilo, June 27.—Sugar is quoted at \$6 for the best and \$4 for the common; previously was paid \$7.50 for the best. Some stocks are held back for higher prices. The mills are paralysed owing to copious rain, which is beginning to do harm to the new trees, coupled with the attack of locusts both here and at Negros.

The market is filled with common Pangasinan. The *Panay* arrived the other day from Saigon with 12,300 piculs, which have been stored with the view of better prices. To-day's quotation for it is \$2.6 reales to \$2.7 reales, and the Pangasinan \$3 per cavan. Paddy is quoted at 10 to 12 reales per cavan.

In Sapanwood nothing is reported; at present there is no speculation in this kind of wood, which is taken in quantity necessary for the stowage of large vessels. The Spanish barque *Cosmopolis* is already despatched for Santander with 10,800 quintales tobacco for the Government. The *Panay* is taking in ballast for another cargo of rice.

China.

SHANGHAI.
(News.)

The steamer *Zaku* reports that when she passed down the Peiho River on the 6th inst., the banks on either side were covered with locusts, resembling a fog bank.

We hear that the *Tartar* and *Glenartney* have arrived in London. Some 6,000 packages of tea, as the *Loudoun Castle* and *Glenartney*, are said to have been sold at firm prices, but we do not hear that quotations are given.

Some rather sharp correspondence seems to have been exchanged between the Taotai and the U.S. Vice Consul-General, regarding the foreshore of the river at the Astor House corner. The Taotai protests against the filling in the foreshore as implying a surreptitious acquisition of land to which the projectors have no rights. Mr. Bradford remarks that the foreshore in question is comprised within the Bund scheme, which was some time ago sanctioned by the Council, the Foreign Consul, and the Taotai's predecessor; and that H.E. should be more careful to ascertain facts before making charges. There is no doubt the Taotai, in this instance, is in the wrong. We are glad, however, of any indication that encroachments are being looked after; and hope the Taotai will turn his energies to more useful purposes. If he would take some steps to preserve the River channel, instead of caring so anxiously for the ground rent of the scones which are injuring it—he would immortalise himself.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Cheng Ayow, a boatman, was fined 20/ for having in his possession a quantity of China-root of no great value. He could not, however, account for the possession, and had, moreover, been once before convicted of larceny.

A CUT PURSE.

Lum Aying, a carpenter, was charged with stealing a \$1-note from the complainant's purse. There was a funeral going on at Aberdeen Street, and complainant stopped to look. The defendant was identified as having been in gaol once before for larceny. Six months' hard labour, and to be executed in the stocks at the Cross Roads for three hours.

ANOTHER CUT PURSE.

Wong Aku, a hawker, was charged with stealing one \$1-note from the purse of a hawker, who was in front of a fruit lan bargaining for the purchase of some fruit. On the approach of the Constable the defendant offered to return the \$1 note, but it was too late. Four months' hard labour, and to be exposed in the stocks for four years.

from a sampan, and sank before assistance could be rendered. Both bodies have been recovered, and a report of the inquests is given elsewhere.

PEKING. July 3rd, 1877.

Her von Brandt, the German Minister, has again succeeded in obtaining favourable consideration from the Chinese Government to his demands, it being now arranged that negotiations with the whole of the powers represented at Peking are to be re-opened in the autumn on the question of lokin and such like irregular taxes on foreign goods not authorized by Treaties. The Chefoo Convention therefore will be of no effect as regards its lokin clauses.—*Shanghai Courier*.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. S. S. City of Peking, Captain Berry, with San Francisco dates to the 20th June, arrived this afternoon. We give an item or two of

EUROPEAN NEWS.

Vienna, June 18th.—The Political Correspondent's St. Petersburg letter reports that Count Schouvaloff's verbal assurances were considered perfectly satisfactory by the British Government. At the express desire of the British Cabinet, he was authorized to state in writing that Russia would respect absolutely British interests touching the Suez Canal, Egypt and the Persian Gulf. Reports from various Russian Ambassadors show that a favorable impression was produced by the above declaration at other European Courts. The letter further says that the warlike indications in Greece and Servia are considered very inconvenient. Russia would not, on account of Servia, run the risk of any collision with Austria.

Edinburgh, June 16th.—The *Scotsman's* London correspondent writes that Earl Derby and the Marquis of Salisbury hold opposite views regarding the Russian occupation of Constantinople. Salisbury believes that Gortschakoff will not advise that the city be held for a long time. Derby would at once inform Russia that she will only march there at the risk of meeting British, as well as Turkish troops. The writer adds: "I am informed that, whatever may be the truth about the reported disunion, the Cabinet has taken certain military precautions. A large army corps is ready for immediate service, and transports can be obtained."

London, June 19th.—At the Reform Club dinner yesterday General Grant said: "I am overwhelmed with the kindness shown by Englishmen to me and expressed to America. I regret that I am unable adequately to express my thanks for the manifold fraternal courtesies I have received. Words would fail, especially with the limitations of a public speech, to express my feelings in this regard. I hope, when the opportunity is offered me of calmer and more deliberate moments, to put on record my grateful recognition of the fraternal sentiments of the English people, and the desire of America to render an adequate response. The speech of Earl Granville has inspired thoughts in my bosom which it is impossible for me adequately to express. Never have I lamented so much as now my poverty in phrases to give due expression to my affection for the mother country." Grant's frame shook under the pressure of unusual feelings, and he continued with unusual eloquence to express the hope that his words, so far as they had any value, would be heard in both countries, and would lead to a union of the English-speaking people and a fraternity of the human race.

Grant's speech was frequently interrupted with applause. Indeed, the cheering was almost continuous while he was on his feet.

On resuming his seat, the health of the ex-President was drunk amid tumultuous applause.

To-day Grant dines with the Prince of Wales at Marlborough House, and at midnight pays a visit to the office of the London Times.

Grant will not leave England as soon as was expected. Besides the banquet at Liverpool, on the 28th instant, there is to be a dinner in his honor at the United Service Club, on the 3d of July.

THE CAPTURE OF ARDAHAN.

The *Telegraph* publishes an account by an eye-witness of the capture of Ardashan. All the Russian batteries, he says, had to be erected on heights which were commanded by the guns of the Turkish fort, which shows how well the engineers who planned the defences of this important post had done their work. On the 4th May most of the batteries were ready, but in order to divert the attention of the enemy General Dovet, commander of the Alkhalik division, was instructed to begin the fire from the north. The general then marched his troops towards the fortifications, and opened a cannonade with the Kuban horse artillery. The fire was at once returned from Fort Gellaverdi, and it was spiritedly kept up by both sides for some time, though without producing any particular effect. At last a rocket was fired as a signal, and all the Russian batteries which encircled Ardashan and its outworks on the south-east opened fire in succession, with an interval of two minutes between the shots. The new two-pud mortars, with a range of six versts, were especially remarked on account of the noise they made when fired. The Turkish fort Siger, Kau-Topsis, and Gellaverdi, returned the fire; at first their shot fell short, but after a little practice they soon got the range. The correspondent says that the Turkish artillery aimed well, but that their shells did very little damage. Between eleven and one o'clock some dozens of shells burst before his eyes, but not one of them did the slightest injury either to the soldiers or their horses. One fell about four paces in front of a Cossack who was standing by the side of his horse. The Cossack bent to his horse, and the shell burst and he immediately stood up again entirely unharmed.

Meanwhile the Alkhalik division attacked the spaulement which protected the camp to the south-east of Gellaverdi. The troops stormed the works with admirable order, though it was the first time they were under fire. The young soldiers differ but little from the veterans: a private of the Eleventh regiment, who was a mere boy, marched in front of his comrades into the Turkish fire with such bravery that after the battle General Loris Melikoff embraced him before the whole regiment, and decorated him with the cross of the Order of St. George. The commander of the regiment, Prince Ambratoff, also promoted him to the rank of corps-commander.

After these troops were storming the positions on the north, the batteries continued to fire on the south against Fort Gellaverdi. At length, at 1 p.m., General Dovet sent an order to ask for support from the southern side. General Heimann then led the Erivan and Baku regiments to the attack. The troops marched in skirmishing order for about two versts under the fire of the enemy; but by the time they reached the fort General Dovet's men had broken into them from the other side. The Turkish infantry now fled, leaving the ammunition behind, and not waiting to spike the guns; only, the artillerists remained, and fought to the last. The correspondent adds that the Russian fire was wonderfully effective, and that the fortress has been so riddled by shot and shell that it is almost a ruin. The Turkish dead and prisoners looked as if they had undergone great privations; they were pale, thin, with hollow eyes, their clothing was in rags, and they had no boots.—*Telegraph*.

PATRIOTISM IN DANBURY.

They were going to get up Lady Washington tea party for the benefit of their society. It was to come off on the night of the 22nd, and of an afternoon a few days before several ladies met at the house of one of the number to perfect the arrangements. It was determined to give a grand affair—something especially designed to transcend the tea party by a rival organization last year. To this purpose it became necessary to devote the most careful thought to all the details, and this was done. In fact, it would be difficult to find a more conscientious committee in a hamlet the size of Danbury. When all the particulars were arranged and the various stands and minor offices assigned to the ordinary members of the society—who were not present—the important question as to who should take the leading character was brought up. With a view to do without the delay and feeling of balloting, the president kindly offered to do Lady Washington herself. She said that she felt it was not a favourable selection, but that she was willing to take it, so that there need be no discussion or ill-feeling. If she thought she had not placed a sufficiently modest estimate upon her qualifications for the post, she was presently set at rest on that head. Her offer was received with silence. "What do you think?" she asked. "I'm willing to do it."

Lady Washington never weighed 200lb., ominously hinted a thin lady, with very light eyes. "She had fat enough on her to grease a griddle, which is more's some folks can claim," retorted the president, with anything but a dreamy expression to her face. The tall lady's eyes grew a shade darker, and her lips shaped themselves as if they were saying "huzzay," but it is probable they were not. "As our two friends are so little likely to agree," observed a lady whose face showed that she was about to metamorphose herself into a barrel of prime oil, and precipitate herself on to the troubled waters, "I would suggest that I take the character." "Humph!" ejaculated the president. "Is there any objection to my being Lady Washington?" said the new party, fixing abruptly on the president, and emptying out the off and filling up the barrel immediately with a superior grade of vinegar.

"I don't know of any, if some one will demonstrate that Lady Washington had a wart on her nose," replied the president with unblushing serenity. "Am I to be insulted?" hotly demanded the proprietor of the war. "The truth ought not to be insulting," replied the president. "I suppose our president thinks she would be a perfect Lady Washington," ironically suggested a weak-faced woman, who saw her chances for taking the character dejectedly emerge from the small end of the horn. "I don't know as I would be perfect in that role," replied the president, "but as there will be strangers present at the party, I shouldn't want them to think that the nearest approach Danbury could make to the dignity of '76 was a toothless woman down with the jaundice." And the head officer smiled serenely at the ceiling. "What do you mean, you insinuating thing?" hoarsely demanded the victim of the jaundice. "Keep your mouth shut until you are spoken to, then," severely advised the president. "I'm not to be dictated to by a mountain of tallow," hissed the chromatic delegate, flouncing out of the room. "I think we had better get another president before we go any farther," said a sharp-faced woman, very much depressed by the outpour for herself. "It isn't hardly time for you yet," observed the president, with a significant look at the sharn-faced woman, "we will have to arrange for Lady Washington and George Washington before we need the hatchet." The sharp-faced lady snatched up her muff without the faintest hesitation, and rushed out of doors to get her breath. She was immediately followed by the proprietor of the wart, the thin lady disastrously connected with a griddle, and the toothless case of jaundice. This left but the president and a little woman who had yet said nothing. "Has it occurred to you that you would like to be Lady Washington?" asked the president, concentrating both of her eyes on a wren just under the small woman's left ear. "Oh, no," gasped the small woman, impulsively covering up the exorrhoea with her hand. "Then, I guess we adjourn sine die," said the president, and pulling off her gloves, she composedly took her departure. And the tea party became the fragment of a gloomy memory.—*Danbury News*.

Exchanges.

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CUTTA AND BOMBAY.

ON SATURDAY, the 21st July, 1877, at Noon, the Company's S. S. *A N'D Y R*, Commandant Moreau, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 20th July, 1877. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUHEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, July 10, 1877. 121

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFICO MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH to NEW YORK, via
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, and touching
AT YOKOHAMA, and SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF
PEKING will be despatched for San
Francisco, via Yokohama, on FRIDAY,
the 27th Instant, 1877, at 3 p.m., taking
Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the
United States, and Europe.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills
of Lading are issued for transportation to
Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San
Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and
South America, and to New York and
Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mitu Bishi S. S. Com-
pany will leave Shanghai, via the Inland Sea
Ports, about same date, and make close
connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection
of various lines of Steamers to England,
France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m., 26th Instant. Parcel Packages
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.,
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Consular Invoices to accompany Overland
Cargo should be sent to the Company's
Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For security's sake, Shippers of Overland
Cargo are requested to endorse on the
Envelope the Marks and Nos. of Packages
Shipped, to correspond with those in their
Bills of Lading.

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RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

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STEAM FOR
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,
Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean
Ports, Southampton,
and London,
Also,
Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and
Australia.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship
PEKING, Captain Woollcott, will leave
this on SATURDAY, the 28th July, at
Noon.

For further particulars, apply to
A. LIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, July 18, 1877. 128

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL
and

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES
AND

ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "OCEANUS" will be de-
spatched for San Francisco via Yoko-
hama, on TUESDAY, the 7th August, at
2 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for
Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 6th August, FAROE
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6
months are issued at a reduction of 20 per
cent. on regular rates.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, July 17, 1877. 129

INSURANCES.

THE CHINA FIRE INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

A GENOCLES at all the Treaty Ports
of China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
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JAS. B. COUGHTRE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1877.

LANCASHIRE INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL, TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

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Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Coals in Matesheds, on Goods on board
Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Har-
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Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
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If required, protection will be granted on
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ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.

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Hongkong, January 4, 1877.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surance at current rates.

MELCHERS & CO.,
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CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY.
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits
are distributed annually to Contributors,
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premiums contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

QUEEN FIRE INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against Fire to the extent of
\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared to
grant Policies against FIRE, to the
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or
on Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent.

GILMAN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

of

HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST,

A. D. 1780.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates, a discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sum not exceeding

£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.,
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY.

THE Undersigned Agents are in receipt
of instructions from the Board of
Directors authorizing them to issue Policies
to the extent of £10,000 on any one first
class risk, or to the extent of £15,000 on
adjoining risks at current rates.

A discount of 20% allowed.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.,
Hongkong, January 8, 1875.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF MANCHESTER
AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at

Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.,
Hongkong, October 14, 1872.

ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

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G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, July 17, 1877. 129

INSURANCES.

NOTICE.

LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM
TRANSIT INSURANCE CO.

THE BUSINESS of this Company has
this Day been Transferred to THE
MARINE INSURANCE CO., of 20, Old
BROAD STREET, LONDON.

By Order of the Proprietors,

WILLIAM HUNT,
Secretary.

137, Leadenhall Street,
LONDON,
1st January, 1877.

THE MARINE INSURANCE CO.
20, Old Broad Street,
LONDON.

1st January, 1877.

ESTABLISHED 1836.

CAPITAL, £1,000,000 STERLING.
RESERVE FUND, £340,000 "

WITH Reference to the foregoing Ad-
vertisement THE MARINE INSUR-
ANCE CO. has This Day taken over the
Business of the LONDON & ORIENTAL
STEAM TRANSIT CO., and has Appointed
Mr. A. Moyer as its AGENT in Hong-
kong.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

ROBERT J. LODGE,
Manager.

THE Undersigned is prepared to Accept
Risks and issue Policies on behalf of the
MARINE INSURANCE CO. by any First Class
Steamer.

A. Moyer,
Agent of the Marine Insurance Co. of
London.

Hongkong, February 16, 1877.

HAMBURG-MAGDEBURG FIRE IN-
SURANCE CO. OF HAMBURG.

THIS Company is now Prepared to
Issue Policies against LOSS or
DAMAGE by FIRE at Current Rates.
Every Risk taken by this Company is
participated in by Three of the largest
German Fire Insurance Companies, re-
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Agents.

Hongkong, June 28, 1877.

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CAPITAL £400,000, EQUAL TO

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Directors.

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Hong.

WONG PAK CHEONG, of the San Tye Lee
Hong.

PUN PONG, of the Wy Sing Firm.

Manager—HO AMEL.

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